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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, MILI, BQG
SUBJECT: SOVIET CONSUL'S REMARKS ABOUT KBW POSTERS

REFS: (A) USBER 943 AND PREVIOUS (B) USBER 1044
(C) USBER 278

1. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE ALLIES HAVE MADE A DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT THE REMOVAL BY A SOVIET FLAG TOUR OF THE KBW POSTERS (REF A), AND IN VIEW OF WHAT WE CONSIDER AN UNACCEPTABLE STATEMENT BY KOZOBRODOV (REF B), WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THE ALLIES NOT TO DO ANYTHING MORE ABOUT KOZOBRODOV'S REMARKS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT USBER WARNED SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL BYKOV ABOUT IMPERMISSIBLE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES EARLIER THIS YEAR (REF C). THE REPRIMAND TO BYKOV AT THAT TIME CONCERNED A STATEMENT MADE TO A MEMBER OF THE BERLIN SENAT. HOWEVER, AGREED MINUTE II OF
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THE QA DOES NOT MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SENAT AND THE ALLIES IN ITS PROHIBITION ON SOVIET CONGEN ACTIVITIES CONCERNING "POLITICAL FUNCTIONS OR ANY MATTERS RELATED TO QUADRIpartite RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES." SINCE KOZOBRODOV'S STATEMENT CONCERNS SOVIET FLAG TOURS, AS WELL AS WHAT WOULD BE A BREACH OF PUBLIC ORDER IF THE THREAT WERE CARRIED OUT, IT APPEARS THAT THIS STATEMENT

CLEARLY CONCERNS THE "STATUS AND SECURITY OF BERLIN" AND
THUS FALLS EVEN WITHIN THE NARROW AREA WHICH SOVIET
CONSUL GENERAL BYKOV ADMITTED (REF C) WERE THE "POLITICAL
FUNCTIONS" BARRED BY AGREED MINUTE II. TO FAIL TO RE-
MIND THE SOVIETS OF AGREED MINUTE II IN THE LIGHT OF
KOZOBRODOV'S STATEMENT COULD LEAD THEM TO BELIEVE WE DO
NOT INTEND TO ENFORCE THAT PROVISION OF THE QA.

3. IT SEEMS TO US (AND TO THE FRENCH AND BRITISH IN
BONN) THAT KOZOBRODOV'S STATEMENT WOULD JUSTIFY NOT ONLY
AN APPROACH TO BYKOV BUT ALSO TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN
EAST BERLIN. HOWEVER, WE INFER FROM THE RECOMMENDATION
IN REF (B) THAT USBER DOES NOT TAKE THE STATEMENT PAR-
TICULARLY SERIOUSLY AND WE THEREFORE DO NOT RECOMMEND
THAT THE SUBJECT BE MADE AN ISSUE WITH BOTH THE SOVIET
EMBASSY AND BYKOV. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT USBER SHOULD
NOT NEGLECT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT DOWN AT LEAST A LOW-
KEY MARKER WITH ONE OR THE OTHER ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.
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